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PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAIN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding production, demand and supply of foodgrains recorded during the last one year and the current year; state-wise;

(b) the quantum of foodgrains procured and the Minimum Support Price (MSP) paid therefor during the said period; and

(c) the other steps taken to meet the requirement of foodgrains in the Country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): As per the 4th advance estimates released on 19.07.2007, country`s foodgrains production is estimated at 216.13 million tonnes during 2006-07. For the current agriculture year 2007-08, sowing of Kharif crops is on and as per schedule the 1st advance estimates of foodgrains production for 2007-08 would be brought out in September 2007. State-wise production during 2006-07 are given in the Annexure.

On the basis of the monthly per capita quantities of consumption reported in the National Sample Survey 61st Round Report on `Household Consumption of Various Goods and Services in India, 2004-05` and the population projections given by the office of the Registrar General of India, the consumption requirement of foodgrains for the country during 2006-07 was estimated at 182.65 million tonnes which includes seed, feed and wastage. Country`s consumption requirement of foodgrains in 2007-08 is estimated at 185.23 million tonnes. State-wise consumption requirement are not available. For augmenting supply of foodgrains, 14.24 lakh tonnes of wheat and 19.70 lakh tonnes of pulses were also imported during 2006-07 (upto February).

(b): Following table gives the procurement and the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Rice and Wheat during 2006-07 and 2007-08 (as per marketing year):

Crop	Procurement (Lakh Tonnes)		MSP (Rs./Quintal)	
	2006-07	2007-08	2006-07	2007-08
Rice	249.95@	Procurement season yet to start	580+40 Bonus Common 610+40 Bonus Grade `A`	645 675
Wheat	92.25	111.04 #	750+100 Bonus	-

@ As on 16.08.2007
# As on 13.08.2007

(c): To increase cereals production, Centrally Sponsored Scheme Integrated Cereals Development Programme (ICDP) in Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals is in place from October 2000. Under the scheme, assistance is provided on 90:10 basis between the Government of India and the State Governments for propagation of improved/hybrid production technology, pest management, farm implements, installation of sprinkler irrigation system, varietal replacement and production of certified seeds. Likewise, to increase the production of pulses, Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize` (ISOPOM) is in place since 01.04.2004. Under this scheme, assistance is provided on 75:25 basis between the Government of India and the State Governments.

The Government of India has initiated two schemes for increasing foodgrains production and improving the agricultural growth in the country. These are
(i) National Food Security Mission (NFSM), and
(ii) Additional Central Assistance Scheme (ACAS).